

**PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE**

**For Calendar Year:** 2004

**New** **X**

**Previous Year (below line/defer)**

**Issue:** Campaign Contribution Limits

**Lead Department:** Office of the City Attorney

**General Plan Element or Sub-Element:** Legislative/Management

**1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?**

At the Council meeting of November 11, 2003 a member of the public requested that the Council consider adopting an ordinance to impose campaign contribution limits. The suggestion was made that there should be limits on the amount that may be contributed to campaigns, for or against, a candidate for City Council, and for committees making independent expenditures supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures.

**2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?**

Policy 7.3B.3: Prepare and update ordinances to reflect current community issues and concerns in compliance with state and federal laws.

Policy 7.3B.5: Conduct elections in accordance with the Charter and state laws.

**3. Origin of issue:**

**Councilmember:** Vorreiter and Howe

**General Plan:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD or COMMISSION**

**Arts**

**Housing & Human Svcs**

**Bldg. Code of Appeals**

**Library**

**BPAC**

**Parks & Rec.**

**CCAB**

**Personnel**

**Heritage & Preservation**

**Planning**

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**Board / Commission Ranking/Comment: NA**

**Board / Commission ranked \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. Multiple Year Project?    Yes    No X    Expected Year of Completion \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. Estimated work hours for completion of the study issue.**

**(a) Estimated work hours from the lead department OCA** 100

**(b) Estimated work hours from consultant(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) Estimated work hours from the City Attorney's Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(d) List any other department(s) and number of work hours:**

**Department(s):** Office of the City Manager 20

**Total Estimated Hours:** 120

**6. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?**

**(a) Does Council need to approve a work plan?** **Yes** **No X**

**(b) Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission?** **Yes** **No X**

**If so, which Board/Commission?** \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) Is a Council Study Session anticipated?** **Yes X** **No**

**(d) What is the public participation process?**

General input in context of study session and council meeting.

**7. Estimated Fiscal Impact:**

**Cost of Study** \$

**Capital Budget Costs** \$

**New Annual Operating Costs** \$

**New Revenues or Savings** \$

**10 Year RAP Total** \$

**Budget Modification Needed** \$

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**8.    Staff Recommendation**

**Recommended for Study**

**Against Study**

**X    No Recommendation**

**Explain below staff's recommendation if "for" or "against" study. Department director should also note the relative importance of this study to other major projects that the department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.**

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***City Attorney***

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***Date***